LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) A method for improving recovery from general anesthesia in patients having undergone general anesthesia comprising:

a) administering general anesthesia to a patient;

b) monitoring the patient to determine that the patient is capable of ingesting liquids; and

c) administering a therapeutically effective dose of modafinil to the patient so that the symptoms associated with recovery from general anesthesia are reduced.

3. (Previously Presented) A method for improving recovery from general anesthesia in patients having undergone general anesthesia during a medical procedure comprising administering modafinil to the patient following the medical procedure when the patient is capable of ingesting liquids.

4 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 comprising improving one or more aspects of recovery from anesthesia selected from the group consisting of fatigue, exhaustion, feeling worn out, mental clouding, distress, alertness, energy, appetite, reading comprehension, and of ability to resume normal activities.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the symptoms reduced are one or more selected from the group consisting of fatigue, exhaustion, feeling worn out, mental clouding, distress, loss of alertness, loss of energy, loss of appetite, and loss of reading comprehension, loss of ability to resume normal activities.